



Car Care Corner

Answering Common Questions About Car Care

(NAPSA)—Answering some common questions about car care can put you on the road to many enjoyable, worry-free miles.

Q. My car went through a rough winter. Is there anything special I should do for it?

A. Cold weather, snow and road salts can damage a vehicle. Road salts can stick to your car's undercarriage—spray under the steel frame, especially behind the rear wheels, to prevent rusting.

Check your tire pressure. Warmer weather can cause the air pressure to expand. Keep your tire pressure filled to the proper levels specified by the manufacturer.

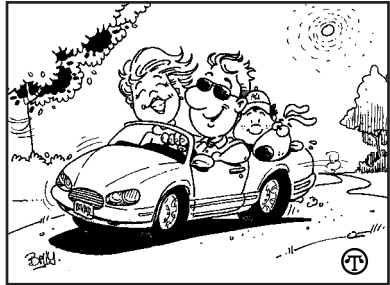
Check your windshield wiper blades for any damage. Each entire blade should feel smooth to the touch. If it feels rough or if it streaks across your windshield, it's probably time to replace it.

Change the oil and filter at the start of every season. Cold starts and excessive idling may have allowed excess moisture to accumulate inside the engine. Also, partially burned gas may have pushed past the pistons into the oil. This mixture of water and fuel can thin and contaminate oil and rob it of its lubricating properties.

A Jiffy Lube Signature Service oil change is a quick and easy way to keep your car's engine parts lubricated so they last longer.

Q. Does warm weather demand any special car care?

A. Yes. Heat is particularly tough on your car's battery, especially if it's more than two years old. Heat causes battery fluid to evaporate, which can lead to corrosion of the battery's positive plate grids and other damage to



Weather extremes can damage your car, so it makes sense to check it seasonally.

its internal structure.

The Car Care Council estimates that annually an average of one in four vehicles needs its battery replaced. It's more convenient and cost-effective to check and change your battery than wait until it fails on its own.

Q. Do vehicles like SUVs and minivans need different oils than smaller vehicles?

A. Some vehicles, especially SUVs, minivans and light trucks operated in severe driving conditions, can benefit from specially formulated motor oils. Severe driving conditions include frequent trips in stop-and-go traffic, frequent short trips, hauling heavy loads, or driving in extreme hot or cold temperatures.

For vehicles with more than 75,000 miles, the seal-conditioning properties in specialty oils can help prevent leaks. Other types of vehicles, like luxury and sports cars, 4x4's and trucks, can benefit from specialty oils as well. A wide range of specialty motor oils are offered at Jiffy Lube service centers. For more information on car care, visit www.jiffylube.com.